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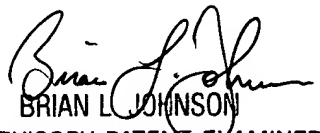
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Paper 23 dated 5-9-2003 requested a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Along with the request for RCE was submitted a duplicate Information Disclosure Statement (IDS - paper 22 - dated 5-9-2003). An RCE was apparently submitted for consideration of the IDS, since a Notice of Allowability (paper 21 - dated 5/7/2003) had already been "issued" for this Application. Since Paper 22 is a duplicate of previously considered IDS (paper 20 - dated 1-31-2003), the RCE submission is improper, since nothing "new" has been submitted. Therefore, the RCE (paper 23) and the IDS (paper 22) are not considered and are improper and a Notice of improper RCE will be sent in due course. See 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant should formally request a refund for the RCE in writing.

Attachment: Interview Summary (paper 24)


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Interview Summary

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Examiner

Bryan Fischmann

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Bryan Fischmann

(3) _____

(2) William Ackerman

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Date of Interview May 22, 2003

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: None

Identification of prior art discussed:

none

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Ackerman requested that the RCE (paper 23) filed 5-9-2003 be "canceled", as the purpose of the RCE was to request consideration, after allowance, of an IDS (paper 22) that was a duplicate of a previously considered IDS (paper 20).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required